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Multinational medical team recognized for joint outreach success

ULAANBAATAR, Mongolia – Service members and medical professionals from the United States, Mongolia, Canada and the Republic of Korea were recognized during a closing ceremony in honor of their efforts for the Medical Humanitarian Civic Action (HCA) Outreach Project portion of Khaan Quest 2012 Aug. 21.

"The event we are completing today is one of the significant activities to extend foreign cooperation with other nations and strengthen civilian-to-military relations," said Maj. Gen. B. Bayarmagnai, deputy chief of the general staff, Mongolian Armed Forces. "This is one of the bases to successfully fulfill the aim to provide security to our country."

Throughout the eight-day period, the multinational medical team offered medical, dental and vision care to more than 4,300 community members.

"The work was done free of charge with accurate medication, modern tools and equipment, which fit the health standards of Mongolia," said Bayarmagnai as he expressed his appreciation to those who made the HCA a success.

The purpose of the HCA was to increase interoperability between the participating countries through an exchange of tactics, techniques, and procedures while establishing a primary and urgent care outpatient clinic at the 39th School Complex, in the city of Ulaanbaatar, Chingeltei District, 9th and 10th Khoroo, to serve the local community.

"The Medical Humanitarian Civic Action Outreach Project portion of Khaan Quest 2012 has been an extraordinary and significant effort between multiple countries dedicated to providing basic services to people in need," said Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Katkus, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard.

Khaan Quest is a regularly scheduled multinational exercise sponsored by the U.S. Army Pacific and hosted annually by the Mongolia Armed Forces. The exercise is held at the Mongolian Armed Forces Peace Support Operations Training Center in the vicinity of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

"I truly appreciate the long and enduring relationship we've built with Mongolia throughout the last 10 years and appreciate every opportunity for us to renew our bonds of friendship. Our similar values and interests are not only strong between our two governments but between our people," Katkus said.

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Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Katkus, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard, speaks during a closing ceremony for the Medical Humanitarian Civic Action Outreach Project portion of Khaan Quest 2012 Aug. 21. Throughout an eight-day period, a team of service members and medical professionals from the United States, Mongolia, Canada, and the Republic of Korea offered medical, dental and vision care to 4,385 locals. Photo: Sgt. Michelle Brown, 134th Public Affairs Detachment, Alaska Army National Guard

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Maj. Gen. B. Bayarmagnai, deputy commanding general of the general staff, Mongolian Armed Forces, addresses service members, distinguished guests and local community members during a closing ceremony for the Medical Humanitarian Civic Action Outreach Project portion of Khaan Quest 2012 Aug. 21. Throughout an eight-day period, a team of service members and medical professionals from the United States, Mongolia, Canada, and the Republic of Korea offered medical, dental and vision care to 4,385 locals. Photo: Sgt. Michelle Brown, 134th Public Affairs Detachment, Alaska Army National Guard

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Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Katkus, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard, presents the Army Commendation Medal to Staff Sgt. Joshua Clark, medical readiness non-commissioned officer, 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation Regiment, Alaska Army National Guard, and the Army Achievement Medal to Pfc. Chantal Miller, medic, Alaska Army National Guard, during a closing ceremony for the Medical Humanitarian Civic Action Outreach Project portion of Khaan Quest 2012 Aug. 21. Photo: Sgt. Michelle Brown, 134th Public Affairs Detachment, Alaska Army National Guard

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Service members from the United States and the Mongolian Armed Forces stand in formation during a closing ceremony for the Medical Humanitarian Civic Action Outreach Project portion of Khaan Quest 2012 Aug. 21. Throughout an eight-day period, a team of service members and medical professionals from the United States, Mongolia, Canada, and the Republic of Korea offered medical, dental and vision care to 4,385 locals. Photo: Sgt. Michelle Brown, 134th Public Affairs Detachment, Alaska Army National Guard